

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2065 – SB 2023

March 29, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes a person who is deaf or hard of hearing and who possesses a motor vehicle registration to request notation be made in the Tennessee crime information center (TCIC) database to assist law enforcement in identifying the operator of a vehicle registered in such person's name as possibly being deaf or hard of hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015546): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes a person who is deaf or hard of hearing and who possesses a motor vehicle registration to request notation be made in the Tennessee Vehicle Title and Registration System (VTRS) database to assist law enforcement in identifying the operator of a vehicle registered in such person's name as possibly being deaf or hard of hearing. Requires person who is deaf or hard of hearing to provide a valid physician's statement upon request for notation. Requires all law enforcement officers, emergency call takers and public safety dispatchers to receive instruction on the identification of deaf or hard of hearing designations in the VTRS database as part of in-service training.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This information will get added to the VTRS database within the Department of Revenue (DOR). Law enforcement officers will have access to this information when a vehicle's registration status is checked.
- The DOR can implement the provisions of this legislation utilizing existing resources.
- The Department of Safety and the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will adopt new policies and procedures to effectuate the legislation without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

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- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over any two- year period. The Motor Vehicle Commission experienced a deficit of \$265,344 in FY15-16, a surplus of \$221,695 in FY16-17, and had a cumulative reserve balance of \$2,196,368 on June 30, 2017.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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